to heinous terrorist crimes. Therefore, there is no need to refer the pending TADA cases for review by the National Human Rights Commission.

Promotion of Handicarafts, handlooms and Powerlooms

*210. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of proposals received from Assam Government for promotion of handicrafts, handlooms and powerlooms in the North-Eastern Region during last three years;

(b) the number of proposals, out of them, pending or under consideration of Government;

(c) whether Government have prepared any special scheme for promotion and development of hadicrafts, handlooms and powerlooms in North-Eastern Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the amount proposed to be spent on promotion of the same in the Region, during the Ninth Five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) During the period 1995-96 till 1997-98, as per available records, 37 proposals were received in handicrafts sector from Assam Government Marketing Corporation and Assam Apex Weavers and Artisans Cooperative Federation Ltd. and 34 were sanctioned. 292 proposals were received from Govt. of Assam in Handloom sector and 260 were sanctioned. One proposal has been received from the Assam State Powerloom Cooperative Federation Ltd. Guwahati in Powerloom sector, but was not sanctioned. The reasons for some proposals not being sanctioned are—for want of utilisation certificate, physcial and financial progress reports, inquiries into the claims, delays in release of State Govt. Share, proposal not being in accordance with approved scheme, etc.

(c) and (d) Some schemes operated by the Government for handicrafts and handlooms sectors have provisions for higher financial assistance for North Eastern Region. During the Ninth Five Year Plan, the Government have earmarked 10% of the Budget for North Eastern Region.

नालन्दा-बड़गांव-नारी सड़क की शोचनीय हालत

*211. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नालन्दा जिले (बिहार) में नालन्दा-बड़गांव-नारी सड़क जो अनेक गांवों को शहरों से जोड़ती है, की हालत बहुत ही शोचनीय है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस सड़क के बनने के बाद से इसकी हालत में सुधार लाने के लिए आज तक कोई प्रयास नहीं किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या ग्रामीणों की सुविधा एवं पिछड़े गांवों को सुचारू ढंग से शहरों से जोड़ने की दृष्टि से इस सड़क को मोटर-यातायात के योग्य बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस कार्य को कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबागोड़ा पाटील): (क) से (घ) सड़कें राज्य का विषय है। सड़कों के निर्माण और रखरखाव के लिए राज्य सरकारें जिम्मेदार हैं। सड़कों के निर्माण और रखरखाव के लिए योजना आयोग द्वारा राज्य योजना के अंतर्गत निधियां आबंटित की जाती हैं। बिहार के नालन्दा जिले में नालन्दा-बड़गांव-नारी सड़क की मरम्मत करना और पिछड़े गांवों को समुचित रूप से शहरों से जोड़ना राज्य सरकार के क्षेत्राधिकार में आता है। बिहार सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि इस सड़क के बेगमपुर-नारी भाग को मरम्मत करने की लिए 16,00,000 रुपए की राशि स्वीकृत की गई है। जून, 1999 तक मरम्मत कार्य पूरा हो जाने की आशा है। राज्य सरकार बड़गांव से बेगमपुर तक सड़क बनाने की योजना भी बना रही है।

Insurgent Groups in North-East

*212. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major insurgent groups operating in the North-East, alongwith details of their strength in terms of members, arms and ammunition;

(b) the number of deaths and kidnappings in insurgnet activities in the North-East, State-wise, during the last five years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the challenge posed by insurgent groups in the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The major insurgent groups operating in the North-East are the following:

(i) **Assam:**

1. United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).
2. National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB).
3. Bodo Liberation Tiger Force (BLTF).

(ii) **Manipur:**

1. People's Liberation Army (PLA).
2. United National Liberation Front (UNLF).
3. People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK)
4. Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP).
5. Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL).

(iii) **Nagaland:**

1. National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah) (NSCN(I/M).
2. National Socialist Council of Nagland (Khaplang) (NSCNK).

(iv) **Tripura:**

1. All Tripura Tiger Force.
2. National Liberation Front of Tripura.

It is difficult to estimate accurately the membership and arms holding of these groups.

(b) Available details of deaths and kidnappings in the North East, State wise, during the last five years (1994—1998) are as under:

State	Deaths	Kidnappings
Assam	1814	483
Tripura	1160	1353
Meghalaya	24	8
Nagaland	608	203
Manipur	1209	23
Mizoram	4	0
Arunachal Pradesh	20	16

(c) Steps taken by the Government to deal with insurgency situation in North Eastern States include, inter alia, deployment of additional units of of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence; modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces; sanction of Special Central Assistance; reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as "disturbed areas" and notification of the major insurgent groups as "unlawful associations". The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

The strategy to curb insurgency also includes a willingness to meet and discuss legitimate grievances; friendly relations with neighbouring countries; accelerated infrastructural development; stress on employment schemes; and good governance and decentralisation.

Unauthorised construction in Cantonment areas

*213. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unauthorised construction is going on unabated in Cantonment areas throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any strategy to check such unauthorised construction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Some unauthorised constructions are reported from some Cantonments.

(b) and (c) As and when unauthorised constructions are detected or reported, action to stop/remove the unauthorised construction is promptly initiated.

Monitoring of RD projects in States

*214. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have an Area Officer to monitor implementation of Rural Development programmes in different State;

(b) whether any Area Officer visited Andhra Pradesh to study the IAY programmes this year;